

**Claims**

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of patching a hole in a wall, comprising the steps of:
  - a) placing an integrated support on a reverse side of the wall, wherein the support is free floating; and
  - b) applying a repair compound over the support.

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2. The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) further includes the steps of:

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- a1) inserting a support apparatus into the hole;
  - a2) expanding the support apparatus to form a backing on the reverse side of the wall.

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3. The method of claim 2, wherein step (a2) further includes the steps of:
  - i) holding an arm of the support apparatus;
  - ii) pushing an actuating device to expand a plurality of appendages;
  - II) pulling the plurality of appendages snuggly against the reverse side of the wall.

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4. The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:

- c) allowing the repair compound to cure to form a cured surface;
- d) sanding the cured surface.

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5. The method of claim 1, further including the step of:

- c) applying a finishing to the hole.

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6. The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:

- c) allowing the repair compound to cure to form a cured surface;
- d) removing a protruding portion of an arm of the support;
- e) applying a finish to the cured surface.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein step (e) further includes the steps of:

- e1) applying a finish coating over the cured surface;
- e2) preparing the finish coating to form a matching surface.

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8. A repair kit for a wall, comprising:

25 an integrated support apparatus that forms a backing on a reverse side of the wall, wherein the support is free floating; and  
a repair compound.

9. The repair kit of claim 8, further including a set of instructions and a shaping tool.

10. The repair kit of claim 9, wherein the support apparatus is  
5 expandable.

11. The repair kit of claim 8, wherein the repair compound is a dry wall patch compound.

10 12. The repair kit of claim 8, wherein the repair compound is an automotive repair material.

13. The repair kit of claim 8, wherein the repair compound includes a first portion for filling the hole and a second portion for finishing a surface.

15 14. The repair kit of claim 8, wherein the support apparatus comprises:

an arm;

a plurality of appendages attached to the arm;

20 an actuating device attached to the plurality of appendages and sliding over the arm;

a webbing between the plurality of appendages.

15. A parasol comprising:

a cover;

5           a plurality of appendages attached to the cover; and  
an activation mechanism coupled to the plurality of appendages having at  
least two legs.

10          16. The parasol of claim 15, wherein the activation mechanism has a  
pair of legs that are separable.

15          17. The parasol of claim 15, wherein the at least two legs are  
deformable.

18. The parasol of claim 15, wherein the at least two legs are formed  
by a loop.

19. The parasol of claim 16, wherein the plurality of appendages are  
attached to a gift bow.

20          20. The parasol of claim 15, wherein the pair of legs are made of wire.